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## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Come on in, Greece. The fightin' is fine.

When Rumania gets into Hungary, she expects to Ruman.

The war bids fair to be ended where it started—in the Balkans.

A. Sleeper, of Bad Axe, is the probable Republican nominee for Governor in Michigan.

Democratic prospects in the Maine election of Sept. 11 are getting brighter every day.

Mayfield has passed an ordinance requiring automobiles to dim their headlights. The same sort of a law is needed everywhere.

Cole L. Blease is one of the contending men in the South Carolina gubernatorial primary and will be in the run-off.

Greece is practically sure to join the allies. She must to so to share in the partition of Bulgaria, Turkey and Austria at the end of the war.

The Kaiser has swapped horses in the middle of a swollen and turbulent stream. Hindenburg has replaced Falkenhayn as general staff head.

Miss Norma Mack, daughter of National Committeeman Norman Mack, is the first woman to fly over Niagara Falls. She accompanied Aviator Phil Rader.

Rumania's prize in the war is to be a big slice of Austrian territory with 4,000,000 people and the province of Bessarabia from Russia with 2,000,000 more. This will about double her territory and population.

The run-off in Texas shows that Culberson was everybody's second choice for Senator. He ran 75,000 ahead of Conquitt, who beat him 30,000 in the first heat, with five in the field.

England says the Bremen was caught in a riot Aug. 4. Germany says the Bremen has just started to America with a load of dyestuffs and chemicals. Concentrated lye must be one of them.

Judge Bush, who was designated to try out a Republican contest now in the Eastern Appellate district, very wisely asked to be excused. With three courts and a canvass on his hands, his busy season has already opened.

The Third Kentucky Regiment left Ft. Thomas for El Paso, Texas, last night and will pass through Guthrie en route to Memphis at an early hour this morning. The Second Regiment left Tuesday night. The First will start tonight. All are ordered to Tobin, Texas, near El Paso.

At Ft. Wayne, Ind., a railroad watchman has sued for \$5,000 damages, alleging that a blood vessel was ruptured causing paralysis when an engine passing his shanty blew its whistle too loud. The unfortunate watchman must have been awakened too suddenly from a sound sleep. The engineer should have sent a flagman ahead to tap him gently on the shoulder.

At Sullivan, Ind., a bumble bee caused the wreck of an automobile driven by W. L. Sisson, surveyor of Sullivan county, when the insect crawled up a trouser leg and stung him, causing him to lose control of the machine, which plunged into a ditch. Sisson escaped serious injury but the automobile was wrecked. A man of such a nervous and excitable temperament as to lose his head, even with his breeches full of bumble bees, ought not to trust himself to run an automobile, a business in which a cool head is absolutely essential. In this case, though, it must be admitted that the heat was not applied altogether to the head. Sisson, however, should have stopped the machine and calmly removed his pantaloons without getting excited.

## RAILROAD STRIKE IS ORDERED FOR SEPTEMBER 4

President Wilson Unable To Bring About Agreement, Lays The Situation Before Congress.

### WORKMEN REJECT ARBITRATION PROPOSAL

Roads Conceded Eight Hour Day, The Resultant Increase of Wages To Be Matter For Arbitration—Strikers Refuse To Compromise.

Washington, Aug. 30.—With President Wilson laying the strike situation before congress with recommendations for legislation, advanced the crisis to a stage where the next developments depend upon two points. They are:

Whether the legislation he proposes can be passed?

If enacted, will it be effective to prevent a strike already called for 7 a. m. Sept. 4?

Neither of these questions can be answered today.

The brotherhood heads themselves announcing their intention to fight certain portions of the president's program, are at loggerheads over whether its enactment would prevent the strike.

The railroad presidents favorable to President Wilson's plan in the main, think it would make it difficult for the strike to begin.

### SUPERHUMAN EFFORTS MADE.

Meanwhile although negotiations between the employers and men were broken off by the rejection of the railroad president's proposal for arbitration, President Wilson is continuing his efforts to bring the two sides together on some form of agreement. Efforts which might well be described as almost superhuman, are being exerted to that end.

When the brotherhood leaders this morning rejected the latest proposal of the railroads and definitely set the strike for Labor Day, without further notice, President Wilson decided to lay the whole situation before congress. Before a joint session of the house and senate and with a solemn recital of the distress and disaster a strike would bring to the country, the president proposed a plan of legislation. This is the proposal in his own language:

### WILSON'S PROPOSAL TO CONGRESS.

First, immediate provision for the enlargement and administrative reorganization of the interstate commerce commission along the lines embodied in the bill recently passed by the house of representatives and now awaiting action by the senate; in order that the commission may be enabled to deal with the many great and various duties now devolving upon it with a promptness and thoroughness which are with its present constitution and means of action practically impossible.

Second, the establishment of an 8-hour day as the legal basis alike of work and wages in the employment of all railway employees who are actually engaged in the work of operating trains in interstate transportation.

Third, the authorization of the appointment by the president of a small body of men to observe the actual results in experience of the adoption of the 8-hour day in railroad transportation alike for the men and the railroads; its effect in the matter of operation cost in application of the existing practices and agreements to the new conditions and in all other practical aspects, with the provision that the investigators shall report their conclusions to congress at the earliest possible date, but without recommendation as to the legislative action; in order that the public may learn from an unprejudiced source just what actual developments have ensued.

Fourth, explicit approval by the congress of the consideration by the interstate commerce commission of an increase of freight rates to meet such

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## RUMANIAN KING HEADS TROOPS

Orders General Mobilization of Forces and Personally Goes to the Front.

### VIENNA ADMITS REVERSE

Greece About Ready to Follow Example of Rumania and Join the Allies.

London, Aug. 30.—King Ferdinand of Rumania has ordered a general mobilization of his forces and is reported to have gone to the front personally to take command of his army.

The Rumanians already are reported to be making furious efforts to capture passes in the eastern Carpathians leading into Hungary and are declared to be fighting shoulder to shoulder with Russian troops coming from Bukowina.

While Berlin says that Rumania's attempts to pierce the passes have been futile, Vienna admits that owing to a "far reaching encircling movement by strong Rumanian forces," Austrian advanced detachments have been forced to withdraw.

What Greece's attitude will be as a result of Rumania's joining the entente allies is still problematical but unofficial advices to London express the belief that she soon will join with the entente.

Occupation by the Bulgarians of Kavala is declared to have intensified the feelings of the Greeks who are said to be willing to follow former Premier Venizelos in any action he may advise. Venizelos is strongly pro-entente.

None of the belligerents claim any great battle. There is still artillery activity in the Pozieres region. Along the front held by the French bad weather halted operations.

## ASSESSOR STARTS WORK FRIDAY

With Six Deputies To Make Assessment For 1917.

County Assessor W. J. McGee will start to work on his annual assessment to-morrow, Sept. 1st, with the following corps of assistants:

- District 1, E. C. Stevenson,
- " 2, J. T. Garrett.
- " 3a, Frank Ralston.
- " 3b, James Rogers.
- " 4, T. D. McGee will assist the Assessor.
- " 5, A. E. P'Pool.

The deputy assessors are expected to complete their work within a month or two months at the outside and Mr. McGee will then have until Jan. 1 to get his books ready to turn over to the sheriff.

Mrs. Mattie Gentry, of Madison county, died Wednesday, of infantile paralysis. This is the first case reported in Kentucky.

## BUSH ONLY CANDIDATE

And Committee Nominated Him at Eddyville Tuesday.

### WELLS GOT OUT OF RACE

Election is For Something More Than Five Years.



JUDGE C. H. BUSH.

At a most harmonious meeting held at Eddyville Tuesday morning by the Democratic Executive Committee of the Third Judicial district Judge Charles H. Bush was named for the unexpired portion of the term of Judge J. T. Hanbery, who died August 6.

The members of the Committee who took this action were: L. J. Harris, Christian county, chairman; Joe Lancaster, of Calloway county, secretary; J. Frank Ladd, of Trigg county; W. A. Sexton, of Lyon county.

The committee met in the circuit court room at 10 o'clock, circuit court being adjourned to accommodate them.

Only two candidates were in the race, these being Judge Bush and Rainey T. Wells, of Murray. Before the committee took action Mr. Wells made a graceful speech, in which he withdrew from the race, declaring that he desired the utmost harmony to exist in Democratic ranks this year and he was willing to sacrifice his own personal desires to eliminate possible friction that might arise if a contest were raised over the nomination.

Following this the committee had no choice except to give the nomination to Judge Bush without further formality. Judge Bush made a speech expressing his appreciation and especially for Mr. Wells' generous action in withdrawing.

Judge Bush is now serving as judge of this district, having been appointed by Governor Stanley to act until an election could be held. The election will be held at the regular election in November for the little over five years yet remaining of Judge Hanbery's term.

## SCHOOL TO TAKE HOLIDAY

On Friday and Special Program at Fair That Day.

County School Superintendent L. E. Foster has proclaimed Friday a holiday for the county schools. All the schools now in session will be dismissed and a regular holiday will be enjoyed. About fifty-five schools will be let out. All the schools north of town are in session and the people of that part of the county will make a special occasion of the day.

Children's day, on Friday, is expected to be one of the biggest days of the fair. A feature program, the best of the week, has been prepared.

## FAIR IN FULL BLAST WITH IDEAL WEATHER

Opening Day Was Largely Attended By City People, But Few Country People Present.

### BIG CROWDS LOOKED FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Automobile Show Friday Night Will Be The Only Evening Performances—Will Be a Society Event.

## TO ELECT A MAYOR

Commissioners Call An Election Under New Law to Fill Vacancy.

### DIFFERENT OPINIONS HELD

Colored People Kick Against Presentation of "Birth of a Nation."

At the meeting of the City Commissioners Tuesday it was ordered that an election be held this fall to fill the vacancy created in the office of mayor by the resignation of Mayor Yost. The commission law requires vacancies under the law to be filled by election after nominations have been made the middle of October, but the present term of mayor was not affected by the law. Mayor Yost's salary was \$600 and he was appointed. Many hold that his successor should be appointed by the commissioners and it seems clear that the salary must remain unchanged during the present term, which expires Jan. 1, 1918. Mayor Pro Tem F. H. Bassett has concluded to hold on to his present office and salary of \$1,800. City Attorney Breathitt has held that the new mayor should be elected and will be entitled to the salary of \$1,800 fixed for commissioners. Other lawyers do not agree with this construction and prospective candidates for mayor are up in the air.

The commissioners did not fix a salary for the office of mayor, when other salaries were fixed. If the salary is to be fixed at \$1,800, some aspirants would like to have it, who would not care for the office at \$600.

Among those already mentioned for the office are C. O. Prowse, Odie Davis, R. M. Wooldridge, R. H. Holland, R. T. Stowe, N. A. Barnett and several others.

At the same meeting a delegation of colored people headed by E. S. Foreman made a formal protest against the showing here of "The Birth of a Nation" advertised for Sept. 15 and 16, at the Larnedade. Action was postponed until Friday, when both sides will be heard.



ODIE DAVIS.

Odie Davis is the first candidate to throw his hat into the ring for Mayor and he will go after the office with his customary vigor and energy. He is a Republican and one of the city's progressive and successful business men. Watch him run.

A smiling sun looked down on a happy scene in the Pennyroyal Fair grounds yesterday and Tuesday. If opening days could be made to order like fall suits sent C. O. D., you couldn't have tailored one that would have suited the tastes of the people of Hopkinsville better than Tuesday. It was simply great.

Beginning early in the morning people began to pour in. By afternoon the machinery was running like a super-six and Secretary John Richards was grinning so widely that he almost bit his ears. "All we want is good weather," the directors have been saying for two months and they guessed right. The crowd squeezed in through the good old gate until it almost broke it open. Many estimated the attendance as the largest that has ever attended the Pennyroyal Fair.

But the size wasn't what tickled President Cowherd, who really pulls the strings. What tasted good to him was the way all were enjoying themselves.

### HOPTOWN HAS THE STUFF.

The city of Hopkinsville certainly arose to the occasion. The industrial parade was all to the good. It was one of the most unique things ever perpetrated in these parts. The Mayor and Commissioner headed the body of the parade. Before them as an escort of honor rode officers Jim Cliborne and Harvey Nixon of the H. P. D. looking as dignified as the occasion demanded. All the city wagons, even the water wagon, were in the parade.

Hopkinsville people came out in great droves and were never happier in spirit. The shuttle train carried large crowds as did the "jitneys" and private vehicles.

The Metropolitan Shows on "Pleasure Avenue" played to big crowds. The shows are all good and add greatly to the fair. They gave "You Go First" bow to the speed rings in the afternoon but began immediately after the contests were over. The Flying Winnies or weenies or something took the platform in front of the grandstand and gave one of their chilling acrobatic performances. It was one of those wonderful stunts that makes you afraid they will hurt themselves all the time. They haven't yet.

### AS FOR THE RACES.

The speed program was good. The most exciting was the running race. Stanley West, he who is cognomened "Skeet" which is short for mosquito, came wagging a weary foot across the centerfield pull main force his horse, "P. J." that is about the color of "P. J." that liquid. He "grabbed" a boy and shoved him on her. The horse kicked around and somebody yelled "Hold her Newt, she's headed for the barn." He dragged her up to the barrier, or rather to where the barrier would have been if there had been one. The other horses had been there waiting several minutes. As he dragged his horse up the starter called "Go."

And then! That horse jumped like a frightened hare and danced twenty lengths in front. Her jockey had to pull her hard to keep her back with the bunch. It was a one horse race and Skeet's Ryola was the one horse.

### WHAT'S GOING ON.

One of the good sales has been that of Clarence Freeman, of Trigg county, to John H. Williams, of Christian.

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